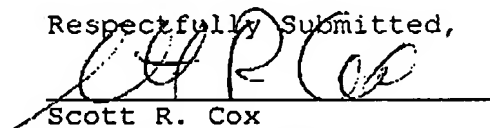


CONCLUSION

The applicant believes that Claims 23 - 49 have been placed in condition for allowance. All remaining claims of the application have been canceled. Thus, the applicant believes that the application is in condition for issuance of a Notice of Allowability and request such issuance. If there are any questions concerning this Amendment, please contact applicant's counsel.

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